

cellular radio telephone, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to said driver speaking such predesignated voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch.

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[Please amend claim 29 as follows:]

29. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region, to access the cellular radio telephone in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising a control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a predesignated voice command for the operation of the cellular radio telephone; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such a predesignated command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said control switch.

[Please amend claim 30 as follows:]

30. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle radio-entertainment deck including one or more of storage-medium player, dictation recorder and AM/FM radio receiver components, apparatus for enabling a driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said entertainment components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a predesignated voice command for operation of said predetermined component; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such predesignated voice command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding entertainment component control switch.

[Please amend the claim 23 as follows:]

23. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle radio-entertainment deck including one or more of storage medium player and dictation recorder components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also to access the

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cellular radio telephone, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said entertainment components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated separate voice commands for enabling operation of said predetermined entertainment deck component and also of the cellular radio telephone; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such predesignated separate voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch.

[Please amend claim 24 as follows:]

24. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region, to access the cellular radio telephone in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising a control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone, and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a predesignated voice command for the operation of the cellular radio telephone, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such predesignated command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said control switch.

[Please amend claim 25 as follows]

25. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle radio entertainment deck including one or more of storage-medium player, dictation recorder and AM/FM radio-receiver components, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access all of said components of the entertainment deck, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning any of said entertainment components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated separate voice commands for operation of said components; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such predesignated separate voice commands live at the said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding entertainment component control switch.

[Please amend claim 31 as follows]

31. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle entertainment deck including storage-medium player/recorder components, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access said components in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with predesignated voice command for operation of said components; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver expressing such predesignated voice command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch of said components to play/record at the vehicle.

[Please amend claim 32 as follows]

32. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the vehicle also contains a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by said driver in the vehicle, while seated at the steering wheel region, to also access the cellular radio telephone in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a further predesignated voice command for enabling the operation of the cellular radio telephone; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such further predesignated command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said cellular radio telephone control switch also to transmit over the radio telephone.

[Please amend claim 33 as follows]

33. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, vehicle radio entertainment deck including recorder REC and player PL components and a vehicle cellular radio telephone transmitter TX for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access said REC and PL components of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; a

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further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone transmitter; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated voice commands for operation of said components REC and PL and also of the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to said driver speaking such predesignated voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch.

[Please amend claim 34 as follows]

34. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle cellular radio telephone transmitter TX for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region to access the cellular radio telephone transmitter in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising a control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a predesignated voice command for enabling the operation of the cellular radio telephone TX, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such a predesignated command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said control switch.

REMARKS

Applicants are relieved that at last the only remaining ground of rejection of the present application is now the 35 USC § 103 rejection of claims 14, 16-20 and 22-36 -- and that as merely the "obvious" providing of "the cellular radio telephone in the steering wheel of Ishikawa et al with a voice controlled mechanism as taught by Dubus".

With respect, however, applicants have **not** presented a single claim of any such breadth or scope!

Further with respect, had the Office, in conformance with the rules of examining procedure, applied even a single exemplary claim, element-for-element